

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method, comprising:
 1. registering an application;
 2. associating the application with an event;
 3. while receiving information from a selected information source, monitoring event related information for an occurrence of the event; and
 4. upon an occurrence of the event, causing an operation of the application to be executed.
1. 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, the event being a predetermined time relative to a program, and said monitoring step including monitoring of the time to determine when the predetermined time occurs.
1. 2. 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, said causing step including launching the application upon an occurrence of the event.
1. 2. 4. A method as claimed in claim 1, said causing step including stopping the application upon an occurrence of the event.
1. 2. 5. A method as claimed in claim 1, said registering step including registering the application with an *electronic program guide*.
1. 2. 3. 6. A method as claimed in claim 1, further including the step of determining event related information based upon electronic program guide data for the received information.

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1 7. A program of instruction storable on an information storage medium for
2 causing an information handling system to execute steps for causing the operation
3 of an application to occur, the steps comprising:
4 registering an application;
5 associating the application with an event;
6 while receiving information from a selected information source, monitoring event
7 related information for an occurrence of the event; and
8 upon an occurrence of the event, causing an operation of the application to be
9 executed.

1 8. A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, the event being a
2 predetermined time relative to a program, and said monitoring step including monitoring
3 of the time to determine when the predetermined time occurs.

1 9. A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, said causing step including
2 launching the application upon an occurrence of the event.

1 10. A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, said causing step including
2 stopping the application upon an occurrence of the event.

1 11. A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, said registering step including
2 registering the application with an electronic program guide.

1 12. A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, the steps further including the
2 step of determining event related information based upon electronic program guide data
3 for the received information.

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1 13. An apparatus, comprising:
2 means for receiving information from one or more information sources;
3 means for storing programming information related to information capable of
4 being received from the one or more information sources;
5 means for monitoring for the occurrence of a predetermined event related to
6 information received from the one or more information sources; and
7 means responsive to the occurrence of the predetermined event for implementing
8 an operation of an application.

1 14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising means for providing
2 a timing reference to said monitoring means.

1 15. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising means for storing
2 registry information regarding the application.

1 16. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said receiving means being an
2 information handling system capable of receiving the information and displaying the
3 information on a display.

1 17. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said storing means being an electronic
2 program guide database.

1 18. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said monitoring means being an
2 electronic program guide capable of being executed on an information handling system.

1 19. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said implementing means being an
2 electronic program guide capable of being executed on an information handling system.

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20. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a timer circuit for
2 providing a timing reference to said monitoring means.

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